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Identical letters dated 4 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 4 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on Saturday, 4 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

A first group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at 9.25 a.m. at the Al-Ma'mun plant of the Al-Rashid public company, part of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC), situated 60 kilometres south of Baghdad. The group met the specialists of the plant and inquired about its activities and specialized scientific areas. The group then inspected all the plant's facilities. The group completed its mission at 1.10 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.50 p.m.

A second group, consisting of five inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.35 a.m. and arrived at 9.35 a.m. at the Al-Abur public company, an MIC company, in Khan Dhari, 30 kilometres west of Baghdad. The group inquired about the company and its links, as well as any changes that had taken place in the company. It also requested information on the aluminium pipes used by the Dhu-Al Fiqar plant from 1998 to 2002. The group then inspected the site where the aluminium pipes were stored and performed radiation checks, using portable equipment, on all the company's facilities and roads, including around the buildings, with a view to detecting the radioactivity said to be present. The group received two pipes, one machine-made, the other not. The group completed its mission at 12.30 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.15 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

The team, consisting of 14 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 9.05 a.m. and arrived at 10 a.m. at the Ibn Sina public company of the Military Industrialization Corporation, 35 kilometres north of Baghdad. The company, which has already been visited many times by inspection teams, was mentioned in the report of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Tony Blair, as being one of the sites suspected of conducting prohibited activities. The team met the company director and asked him about the company's specialists, their qualifications and specializations, and the various places where they had worked while under contract, as well as the universities where they had studied. The team then inspected the small production units located within the company, as well as the laboratories. It also inspected the site's computers. The team completed its mission at 2.45 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 3.50 p.m.

III. UNMOVIC joint biological, chemical and missile inspection team

The team, consisting of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 9.05 a.m. and arrived at the Suwayra airbase in the Wasit governorate at 10.30 a.m. The team met the base commander and inquired about the base's links, construction history and changes that had taken place in its layout since 1998. The team then inspected the base's hangars and facilities. It completed its mission at 1.45 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 2.45 p.m.

IV. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

A first group, consisting of 13 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel, Baghdad, at 8.35 a.m. and arrived at the Al-Khalis alcohol factory in the Khalis district, Diyala governorate, at 9.25 a.m. The group inquired about the plant's activities and production, its production capacity, organizational chart, changes since 1998, names of the plant's senior personnel and the type of fermentation agent used in production. The group then inspected all the plant's facilities, asked questions about its activities during the inspection and inspected equipment that had been tagged and placed under the monitoring regime. The group completed its mission at 11.45 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

A second group, consisting of 13 inspectors, having spent the night in Basra governorate, left the hotel in Basra at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Basra University Agricultural Faculty at 8.55 a.m. The group met with the Faculty's Dean and inquired about the Faculty's departments, teaching staff and the main research conducted since 1998. The group then inspected the Faculty's departments and its food industries plant. They also inspected tagged equipment and the declarations submitted. The group completed its mission at 11 a.m. and then proceeded to another site, arriving at the Training Faculty of Basra University at 11 a.m. It met with the Dean of the Faculty, asked about the staff of the Biology Department and requested the list of names of heads of department and principal researchers in the Biology Department. The group then inspected the Faculty's departments and tagged equipment, as well as the declarations provided. The group completed its mission at 12.05 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 12.35 p.m.

V. Today, a group of 21 inspectors visited Mosul to establish a field office in Mosul governorate for the purpose of conducting inspection activities in that governorate.

VI. Remarks

The different inspection teams visited a total of seven sites various parts of Iraq, including two sites in Basra governorate. A total of 75 inspectors took part in these inspections.